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SUBJ: SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE ADOPTS THREE RESOLUTIONS
ON UNRWA

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1. GA SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC) ADOPTED
THREE NON-CONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTIONS UNDER UNRWA ITEM NOV. 5.
US DRAFT (A/SPC/31/L.2) WAS APPROVED BY VOTE OF
96-0-1 (ISRAEL), AND SWEDISH AND IRANIAN PROPOSALS ON
ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS DISPLACED IN 1967 (L.3) AND CONTINUATION
OF WORKING GROUP ON FINANCING (L.4) WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
WITHOUT FORMAL VOTE. UGANDA WAS ANNOUNCED AS ADDITIONAL
COSPONSOR OF L.3 AND L.4 PRIOR TO VOTE. THERE WERE NO
VOTE EXPLANATIONS.

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2. AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN, RESPECTIVELY, FORMALLY

INTRODUCED RESOLUTIONS CIRCULATED EARLIER ON RETURN OF INHABITANTS OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES DISPLACED IN 1967 (A/SPC/31/L.5) AND REFUGEES IN GAZA (L.6). AFGHANISTAN ALSO ORALLY AMENDED L.5 BY ADDING "CONTINUED" BEFORE "REFUSAL" IN OPERATIVE PARA 2. BOTH SPEAKERS CRITICIZED ISRAEL FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS ON THESE SUBJECTS AND FOR VIOLATING INTERNATIONAL LAW. ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS WERE ANNOUNCED AS FOLLOWS: BANGLADESH, BHUTAN, GRENADA, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, TANZANIA, UGANDA AND YUGOSLAVIA.

3. ONLY OTHER SPEAKER WAS ISRAEL (DORON) WHO ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO VOTE AGAINST BOTH THESE DRAFTS AND URGED OTHERS TO DO LIKEWISE. HE ARGUED THAT L.5 IGNORED REALITY OF CIRCUMSTANCES IN AREA AND THAT THERE WAS NO BASIS FOR ALLEGING A RIGHT OF DISPLACED TO RETURN OR FOR ALLEGING THAT ISRAEL HAD TAKEN NO STEPS FOR RETURN. HE ALSO DENIED THAT ISREL HAD TAKEN MEASURES OBSTRUCTING RETURN OR AFFECTING "PHYSICAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC STRUCTURE" OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. HE WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF L.6 FOR APPARENTLY CALLING ON ISRAEL TO FORCE REFUGEES TO LEAVE NEW HOUSES AND RETURN TO "WRETCHED" LIFE IN CAMP SHELTERS. ISRAEL HAD TAKEN POSITIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS TO PROVIDE PROPER HOUSING, HE CONTENDED, IN ORDER THAT REFUGEES COULD LEAVE CAMPS.

4. KUWAIT SUGGESTED VOTE ON THESE TWO RESOLUTIONS COULD BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY, BUT WHEN ISRAEL OBJECTED, HE IMMEDIATELY WITHDREW PROPOSAL. VOTE WILL BE NOV 8. SCRANTON

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